

AUGUST 2021 EDITION

# DEER IN THE SPOTLIG

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FROM THE CITY OF DEER PARK



PARKS AND RECREATION - ART PARK PLAYERS

The City of Deer Park Parks and Recreation Art Park Players present the first ever performance of the interactive workshop musical, "Women of A Certain Age." About the musical: Three best friends reunite to audition for the reality show AMERICAN STARMAKER. Their dreams are squashed when they are dismissed and not seen by its dreadfully British host Nigel George. Defeated, they end up in a karaoke bar down the block, and mistakenly take the bar hostage until they negotiate to be seen by Nigel and appear on the live show!

Performances will take place on August 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29

For ticket information, please call (281) 794-2448

For more information about the authors of Women of A Certain Age, please visit www.wewritemusicals.com

DEER IN THE SPOTLIGHT NEWSLETTER

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### **CONCERTS IN THE PARK**

PARKS AND RECREATION



# UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

AUGUST 3 AUGUST 17

#### UPCOMING CLOSURES

SEPTEMBER 6

#### LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PARTNERS

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#### RECOGNITION DAYS

AUGUST - BACK TO SCHOOL MONTH AUGUST 9 - BOOK LOVERS DAY AUGUST 21 - NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY

#### URINETOWN

#### PARKS AND RECREATION - ART PARK PLAYERS

Urine Luck with our opening show of the 2021–22 season! Urinetown is an original and hilarious musical that due to a twenty year drought resulting in a severe water shortage, takes us to a time and place where you have to pay to...well, you've read the title. A place where the rich get richer, and the poor get poorer...and they're not going to take it anymore. Winner of three Tony Awards, Urinetown The Musical, is an uproarious tale of greed, love, and revolution that encourages you to follow your dreams, even if they're

headed down the crapper.

October 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, & 23 2021

\$40 Dinner & Show \$18 Show Only

Theatre & Courts Building 1302 Center Street Box Office 281.794.2448



## PUMPKIN TOWN - HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

PARKS AND RECREATION

Trick-or-treaters beware! On Saturday, October 20 from 2 PM to 5 PM, the Annual Halloween Carnival will be held at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. This year, the event will be a Sugar Skull themed fright night you don't want to miss. Come decked out in your spookiest or silliest costume and enter the costume contest or hop on some carnival rides...and of course enjoy fun and games at Pumpkin Town for all ages! Tickets for Pumpkin Town are \$5 for kids and \$15 for adults. All ages are welcome to attend!



#### TOTS & TEENS PEDIATRIC DENTAL

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tots & Teens Pediatric Dental Specialists opened their original location in League City, but recently opened this second location at 3317 Center St. (next door to Dunkin' Donuts).

Pediatric dentist, Dr. Sandra Mbibi, DDS, is passionate about catering to children and providing healthy smiles throughout their childhood. Her goal is to make your child's dental visits as comfortable as possible by providing an office with fun amenities and a playful demeanor. They offer pediatric and general dentistry, and plan to offer



orthodontics in the near future. Find out more at www.tntdentistry.com. Call to make an appointment (281) 377–3332.

#### **AUGUST PROGRAMS**

DEER PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY





# COMPUTER CLASSES

@ Deer Park Public Library

#### **Thursdays**

@ 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

#### **COMPUTER TUTORIALS**

- WORD OR EXCEL
- BASIC INTERNET
- BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS
- MORE!

## **Mondays**

August 2 & 9 @ 10 a.m.

# PROGRAMMING WITH PYTHON (ONLINE)

- CREATE VARIETY OF PROGRAMS
- LEARN ON YOUR COMPUTER

Register please by calling 281-478-7208 or by emailing library@deerparktx.org

#### **Deer Park Public Library**

3009 Center Street | Deer Park, TX 77536 281-478-7208 | www.deerparktx.gov/library

Deer Park Public Library will make reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities who are interested in attending the library's programs. If you or someone you know will require an accommodation to participate, please notify the library two working days in advance of the program. Asistencia billingue disponible cuando se solicite.



# NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION

Selected book for August..

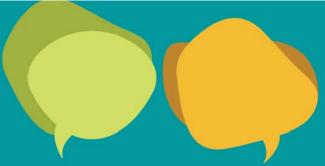
The Note Through the Wire:

The incredible true story of a prisoner of war and a resistance heroine by Doug Gold

Thursday, August 26

10:30 a.m. library meeting room

For more information, call 281–478–7208 or email library@deerparktx.org



# Intermediate Spanish Online Discussion Club Thursday, August 19 | 12 pm

Learning Spanish or English at an intermediate level? Listen to a podcast in Spanish and read its transcript. Then meet online to discuss.

Contact us at 281-478-7208 or library@deerparktx.org to register.

DEER PARK

PUBLIC LIBRARY





Mondays 10 a.m. (online) August 2, 9, 16 and 23

To join, contact 281-478-7208 or library@deerparktx.org

- Create and run programs on your computer
- Use one of the most popular general purpose programming languages
- Cover the basics of programming (in most any language)

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## NATIONAL BOOK LOVERS DAY!

Celebrate National Book Lovers Day, August 9, 2021, with the City of Deer Park staff, who are showcasing their favorite reads, by checking out your favorite book at the Deer Park Public Library! The Deer Park Public Library offers an abundance of online and in-person programs for the whole family to enjoy. For more information, please visit www.deerparktx.gov/97/Library





# BACK THE BLUE BBQ CHALLENGE/FESTIVAL

DEER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Save the date for the First Annual Back the Blue BBQ Challenge/Festival on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center, 500 W Thirteenth Street, Deer Park, TX 77536! Activities include a family friendly cook-off and a "Run for the Blue 5K Fun Run" in partnership with the Deer Park Police Department, Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, La Porte Police Department and La Porte Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. More information to come!



# SAVE THE DATE



2021 - First Annual
Back the Blue
BBQ CHALLENGE /FESTIVAL

SATURDAY; OCTOBER 16, 2021

Blessed are the Peacemakers

THANK YOU to all the men and women for the sacrifice you make to serve our communities!

Jimmy Burke Activity Center



For Information
Visit: backthebluebbqfest.org





#### CLASS 44

#### DEER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Are you a proactive citizen interested in furthering the police-community relationship? Have you ever wondered how police work compares to your favorite crime drama, been curious about what exactly a police officer does, or wanted to learn more about pursuing a career in law enforcement? If so, the Deer Park Police Department has an opportunity for you.

The Deer Park Police Department is currently recruiting citizens for the 44th class of the Citizens Police Academy. Classes will begin on Thursday, August 19, 2021 and are held each Thursday from 6:30pm-9:30pm until graduation. Classes generally run for 14 weeks and cover several aspects of police related work.

Previous classes have included interaction between class participants and officers and hands on training on SWAT, DWI procedures, self defense, investigations, communications and many other topics. Students have practiced dispatch dexterity, mock traffic stops, learned about accident reconstruction, CPR, and had numerous questions answered.

Classes are interactive and evolving as more citizens take the initiative to interact with their police department by joining the Citizens Police Academy. Prospective students should be 18 years of age with a clear criminal history, willing to attend the entire academy and live, work or attend school in Deer Park.

Graduates are invited to join the Deer Park Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. Alumni members have continued interaction with the police department in a number of capacities.

There is no fee for the academy. The course is provided FREE of charge by the Deer Park Police Department in the interest of strengthening police-community bonds and increasing communication between citizens and police department employees. Interested citizens should contact Community Liaison Sheila Plovanich at (281) 930-2118 or splovanich@deerparktx.org







#### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

#### DEER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

On Tuesday, October 5, 2021, neighborhoods throughout Deer Park are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 38th Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Deer Park Police Department, will involve over 16,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world.



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out, a year-long community building campaign, is designed to:

Heighten crime prevention awareness

Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs

Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships

Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

Along with the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, most cities and towns celebrate National Night Out with a variety of special citywide and neighborhood events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, festivals, visits from local officials and law enforcement, safety fairs, and youth events.

On October 5, 2021, residents in neighborhoods throughout Deer Park and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Deer Park will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, and visits from Police, Fire, EMS, and City Officials.

National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation. CONTACT: SHEILA PLOVANICH, COMMUNITY LIAISON at Splovanich@deerparktx.org or 281-930-2118 to plan your event.

Can you dig it? We're psyched! For more information, stay tuned to our Facebook page. You can find us by searching "Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center." Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center can be reached Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm at (281) 478-7274.

#### WOOFSTOCK

#### ANIMAL SHELTER AND ADOPTION CENTER

Who let the dogs out? The Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center! On Saturday, September 25th from 4:30PM-10PM, we are letting the dogs out of the shelter and going back in time to 1969 to bring the Deer Park community, Woofstock, and you're invited!

Join us at Dow Park, located at 610 E. San Augustin, Deer Park, Texas 77536, for a groovy event. From live music that makes you want to go with the flow to vendors offering outtasight goodies, there is something for the entire family at this free event. Most importantly, there will be several regional shelters with groovy puppies and dogs available for adoption. Sit and listen to the live music, shop, visit with adoptable animals (dogs only), and enjoy some good vibes.





# DEER PARK ANIMAL SHELTER PRESENTS

# WOOFSTOCK



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## AT DOW PARK

STARTS AT 5PM - FREE ADMISSION

Join us at Dow Park, located at 610 E. San Augustine, Deer Park TX 77536, for a groovy event. From live music that makes you want to go to the flow to vendors offering outtasight goodies there's something for the entire family at this free event. Most importantly, there will be several regional shelters with groovy puppies and dogs available for adoption. Listen to music, shop, visit with the adoptable animals and enjoy some good vibes

For more info follow us on Facebook by searching "Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center" or give us a call at - (281) 478 7274

## MEOW LUAU CAT SHOW

#### GULF COAST FELINE FOUNDATION

The Gulf Coast Feline Foundation and the City of Deer Park will host the "Meow Luau" Cat Show on August 28–29, 2021 at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center, 500 W. Thirteenth Street, Deer Park, Texas 77536.

This show will be another exciting event similar to "Felines, Football, and Fun" events held in the past, and will include a cat show presented by the International Cat Association (TICA) and sponsor Dr. Elsey's.

"The mission for these events continues to be supporting Animal Shelters/Rescue Groups as well as feline disease research groups such as the Winn Feline Foundation," said Michelle Piatt, Treasurer, Vendor Coordinator, Marketing/Publicity Liaison with the Gulf Coast Feline Foundation.

"Our show hall will represent up to 42 pedigreed breeds plus Household Pets competing for titles, regional, and national wins," Piatt said. "Breeds such as the Maine Coon, the Bengal, and many more will be available to meet up close and personal. We will be having raffles, contests, and door prize drawings – this is a family friendly event that is fun for all ages!" As always, the event will feature pet-friendly vendors, concessions and more.

Ready to add a new family member to your home? The "Meow Luau" Cat Show will have area shelters – the Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center and the La Porte Adoption Center and Animal – with cats and kittens available for adoption.

Don't forget – there are lots of activities for kids to enjoy, as well!

"Make sure to check out our Kitty Kraft Corner with lots of fun crafts to do including making leis for our Luau theme," Piatt said.

Ticket information:
One day tickets are \$10 for Adults;
\$7 for seniors and children 6+; free
for children.

Visit gulfcoastfeline.org for more information.



# TEXAS MEMORIAL ILLUMINATION

The City of Deer Park is committed to participating in the Texas Memorial Illumination, scheduled for November 13, 2021 – sponsored by the San Jacinto Museum of History.

The Texas Memorial Illumination provides a visually inspiring remembrance of Texans who have given their lives in armed conflict. Volunteers will be a part of a commemoration that has never been done in Texas, similar to Antietam National Battlefield Memorial Illumination and the Battle of Franklin Illumination. As families drive through the historical site, over 21,500 candles will be displayed across the battlefield in representation of the courageous Texan men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Volunteers will be invited to gather at the steps of the San Jacinto Monument 30 minutes prior to dusk for a short opening ceremony and will be able to drive through the battleground prior to the gates opening to the general public.

The City of Deer Park's goal is to gather at least 40 volunteers by Thursday, September 15, 2021. There will be three opportunities to volunteer:

Saturday, October 30 Saturday, November 13 Sunday, November 14

If you would like to sign up to volunteer, please allocate which dates suits your schedule the best. Please note, volunteers contributing time on November 13 or November 14 will be working outside and some walking/bending will be required. City Council member Sherry Garrison will be the contact point for Deer Park community volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact her at sgarrison@deerparktx.org.

For more information on the Texas Memorial Illumination please visit texasmemorialilluminationatsanjacinto.com.











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## SAN JACINTO MONUMENT EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS - AUGUST 2021

August 7 - Bird Watching at the Battleground; 7:00 am - 9:00 am; free

The San Jacinto Battleground is home to more than 200 species of birds, and the best time to see them is first thing in the morning. Every first Saturday of the month, we open two hours early so birders and photographers can enjoy early morning at the site. The site is open to vehicles, but we ask that visitors be respectful of those enjoying the wildlife and keep noise to a minimum.

August 13 - Join the Texian Army; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm; tickets required

Do you have what it takes to be a soldier in the Texas Revolution? Find out at the San Jacinto Battleground's special summer program. At the Join the Texian Army summer program, you can watch weapon demonstrations, participate in (wooden) musket drills, make (candy) bullet cartridges and see how soldiers lived during the Texas Revolution.

August 14 - Cycling Saturday; 7:00 am - 9:00 am; free

Every second Saturday of the month, we open the site two hours early just for cyclists. Come and bike the Birthplace of Texas without worrying about cars.

August 14 - Battleground Bike Tour; 10:00 am - 12:00 pm; free

Stretch your legs and honor the memory of the Texas Revolution with a guided bike tour of the battleground.

## **UP NEXT**

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS FOR AUGUST 2021





THE CITY OF DEER PARK IS UNDER AN ORDINANCE THAT PROHIBITS THE USE OF HANDHELD DEVICES WHILE DRIVING.

Focus on the road.

Don't text and drive.

**CITY ORDINANCE TEXTING AND DRIVING PENALTY - \$100** 

STATE LAW TEXTING IN A SCHOOL ZONE PENALTY - \$230

Stay safe and drive smart.



